

I am deeply troubled by Sinclair Broadcasting's acts regarding the Nightline programing and now the Kerry film. When Sinclair offered its respect as the reason for the boycott of the memorial of lost soldiers in this war I was willing to give Sinclair a patriotic pass. On the Kerry film, I cannot.

A Sinclair vice president attempted to defend this action on ABC's Good Morning America with assertions that Kerry had been invited to provide a response to the film. His demeanor and language sounded like an official statement of the Republican party.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When Sinclair uses its control of the airwaves in most of the so-called swing states for bottom line or political purposes, the public airwaves are abused.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.
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